to the resignation of Shri Digvijay Singh from the membership of Rajya Sabha *w.e.f.* the 5th April, 2009."

The motion was adopted.

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COFFEE BOARD

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Coffee Act, 1942 (VII of 1942), read with sub rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Coffee Rules, 1955, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner, as the Chairman may direct, one Member from amongst the Members of the House, to be a member of the Coffee Board, when it is reconstituted on the expiry of its present term on the 10th July, 2009."

The motion was adopted.

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL SILK BOARD

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (c) of sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948 (LXI of 1948), read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 5 of the Central Silk Board Rules, 1955, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from amongst the Members of the House to be a member of the Central Silk Board."

The motion was adopted.

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MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Damage caused due to release of water from Ranganidi Dam of Bhutan

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA (Assam): Sir, the Brahmaputra is an ancient civilization of our country which is today under great threat due to the construction to the big river dam in neighbouring State, and in the Bhutan Kingdom. Sir, the release of excess water from the Kurichhu river dam of Bhutan is responsible for the floods in Nalbari, Rongia, Baksa and Barpeta districts of Assam. Sir, the release of excess water from Ranganidi dam is equally responsible for the floods in Dhemaji, Dhakuana and Lakhimpur districts of Assam. Sir, now, the construction of new big interstate dam, lower Subansiri hydro-electrical project, creating threat to the State of Assam and the other States of the North-Eastern Region. Sir, the proposed dam site is 2.3 kilometres upstream of Gerukamukh village of Dhemaji district of Assam. Sir, 160-meter high dam will submerge 3436